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SUBJECT: CUBAN AND SOVIET-BLOC ACTIVITIES IN MOZAMBIQUE:
NEWS ARTICLE AND PRESS GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE BY EVANS AND NOVAK IN
WASHINGTON POST, AUGUST 12, ENTITLED "CASTRO'S GAME PLAN
FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA". BEGIN TEXT:

1. A NEW AND STEADY INFILTRATION OF SOVIET-BLOC
"TECHNICIANS" TO MOZAMBIQUE, SUSPECTED BUT UNPROVEN UNTIL
NOW, COUPLED WITH SIMILAR MOVEMENTS BY CUBAN MILITARY
"ADVISERS," POINT TO DANGEROUS ESCALATION OF GUERRILLA
WAR IN WHITE-RULED RHODESIA SOMETIME THIS AUTUMN AFTER
THE RAINY SEASON STARTS.

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2. SUCH ESCALATION OF GUERRILLA ACTIONS, WHICH SO FAR HAVE POSED NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR RHODESIA'S WELL-ORGANIZED BORDER POLICE AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES, SUGGESTS AN OMINOUS COMMUNIST GAME PLAN FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA. THAT IS WHERE SOVIET POWER-POLITICS NOW APPEAR TO BE MAKING MAJOR GAINS AT U.S. EXPENSE.

3. THE PLAN, AS PERCEIVED BY FORD ADMINISTRATION EXPERTS, RULES OUT ANY PUBLIC EFFORT BY MOSCOW TO TORPEDO SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S DESPERATE, LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA, SETTING A TIMETABLE FOR TRANSFERRING POLITICAL POWER FROM 270,000 WHITES TO 6 MILLION BLACKS.

4. MOSCOW'S STRONG ASSUMPTION IS THAT KISSINGER'S PLAN WILL FAIL. FAILURE OF THE DIPLOMATIC U.S. EFFORT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ESCALATION OF GUERRILLA WARFARE FROM NEW BLACK NATIONALIST BASES IN MOZAMBIQUE BEING READIED BY WHITE AND CUBAN COMMUNIST TECHNICIANS.

5. EVEN IF KISSINGER SUCCEEDS IN GAINING SOME FORM OF POLITICAL ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD SATISFY MORE MODERATE BLACK-NATIONALIST LEADERS OF RHODESIA, HOWEVER, RADICAL FACTIONS WILL BE PRODDED TO REJECT ANY COMPROMISE AND TAKE THE GUERRILLA WARFARE ROUTE. OFFICIALS HERE DOUBT THAT IT WILL TAKE MUCH PRODDING.

6. ADVANCED CONTINGENTS OF SOVIET-BLOC AND CUBAN TECHNICIANS AND MILITARY EXPERTS NOW KNOWN TO BE MOVING INTO THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY OF MOZAMBIQUE ARE CONCENTRATING ON TWO THINGS: BUILDING (AND HENCE CONTROLLING) SUCH ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE AS INTERNAL SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS (BELIEVED TO BE LARGELY UNDER CONTROL OF EAST GERMAN SPECIALISTS) AS WELL AS OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICES; AND TRAINING RHODESIAN BLACK NATIONALISTS FOR WAGING GUERRILLA WAR. SIGNIFICANTLY RELIABLE REPORTS HAVE REACHED HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT "SIZABLE SUMS" OF COMMUNIST MONEY ARE BEING PAID TO RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS.

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7. WHILE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF THESE OUTSIDE ADVISERS ARE ONLY ESTIMATES, BECAUSE OF THE ELUSIVE QUALITY OF ACCURATE INFORMATION FROM MOZAMBIQUE, EAST GERMAN TECHNICIANS MAY NOW NUMBER 100 (PROBABLY THE LARGEST SINGLE NUMBER FROM ANY SOVIET-BLOC COUNTRY) AND CUBAN "ADVISERS" PERHAPS AS MANY AS 250.

8. THESE ARE, OF COURSE, FROM THE SAME CUBAN MILITARY

FORCE THAT PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO PLEDGED TO WITHDRAW TO CUBA IN HIS HERALDED LETTER TO SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME TWO MONTHS AGO. THAT PLEDGE IS NOW REGARDED AS A VIRTUAL DEAD LETTER, COMPOSED BY CASTRO TO PLACATE ANTI-COMMUNIST AFRICAN LEADERS DEEPLY

WORRIED ABOUT THE SINISTER MEANING OF CASTRO'S AFRICA CORPS BOUNCING AROUND THEIR BORDERS WITH SOVIET BACKING.

9. IN ADDITION, CASTRO'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO TAKE HIS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE BACK HOME WAS PROBABLY TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES STARTING THIS WEEK IN COLOMBO, WHERE BLACK AFRICA IS HEAVILY REPRESENTED.

10. BUT CASTRO'S REAL INTENTION IS NOW ASSUMED TO BE QUITE DIFFERENT, RETAINING MUCH OF HIS AFRICA CORPS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, POSSIBLY WITH ROUTINE ROTATION, AND -- WHEN THE PROPER TIME COMES -- MAKING IT MORE AVAILABLE AS MILITARY ADVISERS IN THE INTENSIFICATION OF GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST RHODESIA. INDEED, DESPITE SOME ANTI-CASTRO SENTIMENT AMONG BLACK NON-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-COMMUNIST LEADERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, CASTRO IS CERTAIN TO COME UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM PRO-COMMUNIST RHODESIAN BLACK NATIONALISTS TO SHARE THE HAZARDS OF THEIR GUERRILLA WAR.

11. THE REASON FOR THAT LIES IN THE FORMIDABLE ANTI-GUERRILLA CAPABILITIES OF RHODESIA'S SMALL SECURITY FORCES AND REGULAR ARMY, CONTRASTED TO WEAK AND UNTUTORED GUERRILLA UNITS. AS THESE UNITS PREDICTABLY PAY AN EVER HIGHER COST IN LIVES, AN SOS TO CASTRO'S CUBANS WILL INEVITABLY DRAW THEM FURTHER INTO THE GUERRILLA WAR.

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12. IT WAS PRECISELY THIS SORT OF SOS FROM THE PRO-MOSCOW NATIONALIST FACTION IN ANGOLA, CALLED THE POPULAR MOVEMENT, THAT ENCOURAGED CASTRO TO DEEPEN HIS ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT MONTH BY MONTH LAST YEAR AND INTO 1976. CUBAN FORCES ARE STILL ESSENTIAL IN ANGOLA BECAUSE THE POPULAR MOVEMENT HAS MISERABLY FAILED TO CONSOLIDATE ITS HOLD OVER THAT COUNTRY.

13. IN THE LONG RUN, THE DANGER IS PROFOUND TO THE U.S. AND OTHER ANTI-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN THE EAST-WEST STRUGGLE, INCLUDING PRO-WESTERN ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE STEADY INCREASE OF SOVIET-BLOC AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ADDS FUEL TO THE WORLD'S MOST INCENDIARY RACIAL CONFLICT. WHEN THE FALL EXPLOSION COMES, MOSCOW'S CUBAN PROXIES WILL BE AVAILABLE

TO EXPLOIT ITS EFFECTS, WHILE THE U.S. WATCHES FROM THE
SIDELINES. END TEXT.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS GUIDANCE FOR SPOKESMEN TO USE
IF QUERIED BY PRESS ON THIS ARTICLE. BEGIN TEXT:

1. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE EVANS-NOVAK
ARTICLE WHICH ASSERTS THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF
SOVIET-BLOC TECHNICIANS AND CUBAN MILITARY "ADVISERS"
ARE ENTERING MOZAMBIQUE?

A: WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORT. WE HAVE BEEN AWARE FOR
SOMETIME OF THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET-BLOC TECHNICIANS AND
CUBAN MILITARY ADVISERS IN MOZAMBIQUE, BUT HAVE NO
INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE DEFINITELY THAT THE
NUMBERS INVOLVED HAVE RECENTLY INCREASED. IT IS OBVIOUSLY
A SUBJECT WE ARE FOLLOWING VERY CLOSELY.

2. Q: EVANS AND NOVAK ASSERT THAT CASTRO'S INTENTION IS
TO KEEP CUBAN TROOPS IN AFRICA FOR EVENTUAL USE IN MILITARY
ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE WHITE RHODESIAN REGIME. COMMENT?

A: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT QUITE CLEAR
THAT FURTHER CUBAN MILITARY ADVENTURISM IS UNACCEPTABLE
TO US. PRESS REPORTS SUCH AS THAT REFERRED TO DO,
HOWEVER, UNDERSCORE ONCE AGAIN THE NECESSITY OF
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SITUATION. END TEXT.

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